services in connection with the affairs of the respective States. Accordingly, it is for the State Governments to formulate their own policy in regard to the service matters under their Administrative control.

Special Package for J and K

697. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any special package for Jammu and Kashmir, similar to the one for North-Eastern States whose economy has shaken badly because of continued insurgency and war like conditions;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In order to accelerate the development process in Jammu and Kashmir, the then Prime Minister had announced in both the Houses of Parliament on 23.7.96 and 2.8.96 to take up some important projects and also to complete ongoing projects on priority. In addition to the above, the then Prime Minister during his visit to J&K on 13-14 February, 1997, announced a number of measures with a view to accelerate the process of development and normalisation.

These include:

(i) Construction 290 km. Railway line from Udhampur-Baramulla as National Project.

(ii) Construction of Mughal Road as a dependable alternative link between Jammu and Kashmir.

(iii) Construction of Dulhasti and Uri Hydel projects in the State to Provide relief to the power starved state.

(iv) Waiving of the outstanding loans and insterest of all borrowers whose original borrowing is less than or upto Rs. 50,000/- in small scale industries, transport, tourism and trade sectors.

(v) Provision of adequate funds including Additional Central Assistance in order to have a good Annual Plan and reasonable 9th five year plan.

(vi) Setting up of Convention/Conference Centre in Leh to give further fillip to tourism in the area.

(vii) Development/upgradation of Kargil Airport.

(viii) A special funding mechanism including external assistance for implementation of projects such as protection and development of Dal Lake.

(ix) Special recruitment drive to ensure that youth of the State J&K are absorbed to the maximum extent possible in central establishments and private sectors.

(x) establishment of Agriculture University at Jammu.

Follow up action on these measures have been initiated by the concerned Ministries/Departments for implementation and a high level meeting under the chairmanship of the Cabinet secretary is sheduled to be held soon.

Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir

698. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militancy in the J&K valley is on the rise of late;

(b) if so, the number of civilian population killed by the militants in the State during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the quantum of compensation paid to the affected families, year-wise during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to contain militancy in the State and the cross border infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There have been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and Pro-Pak militant outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J&K with a view to escalate violence. The number of civilians killed during the last 3 years are as below:

1997	1998	1999	2000 (Upto January)
938	867	821	55